



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SEP 26 2018

Mr. Terrence Tibbetts, Chairman
White Earth Nation
Post Office Box 418
White Earth, Minnesota 56591

Re: No Further Environmental Investigation or Cleanup Required Under Current Land Use
Scenario for Federal LUST Event 393
Former Wadena's Store, 500 BAB Street (County Road 4 and New Circle Drive) in
Naytahwaush, Minnesota
Federal Facility ID: WE-5048

Dear Mr. Tibbetts:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed a review of investigative information and sampling data for the above referenced property, and has determined that the petroleum release from the Underground Storage Tank (UST) piping at the site listed above can be closed.

The closure of the petroleum release from this UST system means that no further environmental investigation or cleanup of petroleum constituents from the release discovered on January 15, 2016 is required under current and expected land use. We understand that the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians intends to develop a recreational park on this property; therefore, no restrictions on the property are necessary.

This determination is consistent with the site evaluation and risk based decision making described in the United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 5 Underground Storage Tank Section's *Conducting Risk-Based Corrective Action for Federally Regulated UST Petroleum Releases*, dated December 7, 1995.

The EPA reviewed the following documents which were prepared for the former Wadena's Store site in support of this determination:

Phase II Environmental Assessment and Underground Storage Tank Removal Report,
prepared by Braun Intertec Corp., April 14, 2016

Based upon the information cited above, the release of petroleum from the UST system at the facility into site soils no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment under current land use. Therefore, the EPA is issuing a determination that no further environmental investigation or cleanup is necessary at this site under current land use in accordance with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 280, Subpart E and F.

This determination is made only with respect to the release of petroleum identified in the reports mentioned above. This determination applies only to the area of the property at County Road 4 and New Circle Drive in Naytahwaush, Minnesota which was affected by the release identified in the aforementioned. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas of the property, or any possible future land uses.

The EPA does not assume any liability for any release, or for any actions taken or omitted by any person or his or her agents or employees with regard to the release, threatened release, or other conditions at the site. However, in the event additional information becomes available indicating the site may pose a hazard to human health or the environment (such as a change in land use), the EPA may require additional assessment and remediation activity.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Erin Galbraith of my staff, at (312) 886-6879, or via email at galbraith.erin@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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